

SHIFFEN BARRED FROM THE MAILS

Fraud Order is issued To-Day Against a Wall Street Firm That Professed to Operate in Bonds.

CORPORATIONS WERE THE SUFFERERS.

Accused Man and His Partner Are Believed to Have Cleaned Up \$300,000 in Their Two Years' Operations.

(Special to The Evening World.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—A fraud order was signed to-day by Assistant Attorney-General Robb, of the Post-Office Department, against Edward D. Sniffen and James S. White, of No. 19 Wall street, New York, for operating through the mails a scheme to obtain money under false pretenses.

Sniffen, according to the conclusions arrived at by Mr. Robb, based upon a report of post-office inspectors and as a result of a hearing given Sniffen in February, is the originator of the plan which he has been carrying on for two years, and White came into it last autumn, allowing his name to be used in the business. Since February, when mail addressed to Sniffen was stopped at the New York Post-Office, mail relating to the business has been sent to White. White is now in Mexico, where he went when the inspectors began working on the case, and Sniffen is under indictment in New York awaiting trial for larceny.

Corporations the Victims.
Sniffen's scheme was to issue circular letters in which he stated that he would undertake to sell the bonds of companies for which he would secure the guarantee of trust companies. According to his plan, these bonds were to be readily marketable and in all cases would sell at par or better.

All he asked of the company was a small sum in advance to pay preliminary expenses, such as "experts' reports," attorneys' fees, engraving of bonds, &c. His commission, he announced, was paid by the trust companies guaranteeing the bonds for procuring the business for them; and that he received this commission only when the proposition had been financed and the bonds sold.

Never Sold the Bonds.
If he should happen to get the guarantee promised he would sever his connection with the transaction and never attempt to dispose of the bonds, which he knew could not be sold at par. He also knew that no expert opinion would be forthcoming.

It is estimated that in the two years of his operations Sniffen cleaned up about \$300,000. Among the companies he got money from were the Natchez Railway and Logging Company, of Olympia, Washington, from which he got \$20,000 last April. This was the particular case heard by Mr. Robb, the report being filed with affidavits of Allen Weir, its President.

Other companies defrauded were the Great Western Mining, Milling and Smelting Company, limited, of Blackfoot, Idaho, from which he got \$10,000 for "preliminary expenses"; the Union Park Placers Gunnison Company, Colo., \$10,000; Mount Royal Gold Mining and Milling Company, Mont., \$10,000.

A significant feature of the case is that the guarantee of the National and the Great Western companies, the International Banking and Trust Company of New York, the trust company that appears in Sniffen's transactions, became insolvent soon after guaranteeing the bonds.

Several New York brokers testified against Sniffen.

Sniffen has been arrested and is under indictment on the charge of swindling the Natchez Railway and Logging Company. Several other fraud charges have been made against him.

WIRELESS SYSTEM ON SOUND STEAMERS

New Invention by Charles Massey to Be Placed on All the Boats of the Fall River Line.

A new wireless telegraph system, invented by Charles Massey, of Providence, R. I., though in its initial stages of development, was watched in its trial on the Fall River line steamer Plymouth and declared to be far superior to other systems.

The Plymouth arrived in New York to-day after a trip from Fall River during which the new wireless telegraph was thoroughly tested in the presence of officers and directors of the Fall River line and the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. The inventor of the new system was also aboard.

All that could be learned of the new system was that he was an American. His identity was carefully concealed. He had installed on the Plymouth a complete wireless apparatus with which he communicated with stations at Point Judith and Block Island.

A constant stream of messages was sent out from the Plymouth, many of the passengers communicating with prompt replies. The chief excellence of the new system is its rapidity in sending. Those who witnessed the experiments declare that it has attained almost the same speed as wire telegraphy.

The Fall River line will install the new wireless apparatus on all the fleet and build stations all the way from Fall River to New York. A regular telegraph toll will be charged to all passengers desirous of communicating with their friends. Neither fog, rain nor gale interferes with the new system.

The first experiment with the Plymouth's instruments was made Monday night last during a heavy storm, and when the atmosphere was charged with electricity. It was a great success, the steamer holding communication with Point Judith and Block Island without the least difficulty.

Should fog or storm delay the steamers of the fleet the passengers can keep in touch with their friends by wireless telegraph and allay any apprehension on their part.

In case of a breakdown assistance can be speedily summoned either from the fleet or through the shore station.

This will obviate such predicaments as that which befell the Plymouth on a short time ago when she was held up by the ice and had to wait four hours for a tow boat.

TOOK THE OATH BY BEARD OF PROPHET

Witnesses at the Trial of Hasib Mahas Sworn According to the Formula of Mahomet in General Sessions.

Witnesses were sworn "By the beard of the Prophet" in the Court of General Sessions to-day. The usual formula was abandoned during the trial of Hasib Mahas for assault because all the witnesses were Syrian and professed the faith of Mahomet.

Charles Le Barbier represented the defendant. After two witnesses had been examined he objected to the form of the oath.

"These people are Mahomedans," said Mr. Le Barbier. "They have no respect for the Christian oath."

"Get a koran," ordered Judge Warren W. Foster, "and administer the oath according to the formula of Mahomet."

A koran could not be found. Then the court interpreter volunteered to instruct the Court as to the oath, saying that he knew how it was. He was ordered to administer it, and each witness thereafter was sworn as follows:

"Do you swear by the beard of the prophet, Mahomet, the holy harem and women and their virtue and the faith of all your people to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?"

The witnesses replying in the affirmative the trial proceeded with due speed.

WELL-KNOWN LAWYER DEAD.

Jacob K. Lockman was an Assistant on Real Estate Matters.

Jacob K. Lockman, a resident of Windham, Conn., died yesterday in this city. He was one of the real-estate lawyers of this city. Born here in 1829, he entered the law office of Peter DeWitt, a noted real-estate lawyer of this city.

Mr. Lockman attained a high position at the New York bar as a real-estate lawyer and counsel, and was an executor and trustee of a number of estates, and during his long career as a lawyer he came in close professional relations with many old New York families.

Soon after the outbreak of the Civil War he became a member of the Civil Service, New York Regiment and served with it in and around New York. Prior to the war he was a member of the Metropolitan Club. The funeral services will be held on Friday at No. 29 West Thirty-ninth street at 11 o'clock.

He leaves a widow and one son, DeWitt M. Lockman. He was a member of the Metropolitan Club. The funeral services will be held on Friday at No. 29 West Thirty-ninth street at 11 o'clock.

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A FIELD FLOWER.

BEAUTIFUL AS THE ROSE.

"She looks as clear as morning roses newly washed with dew."—Shakespeare.

FRESH young face like the lilies of the field attracts a man. But what holds a man is charm, and a woman may be very lovely yet possess no charms.

There is no reason why a woman in good health should not retain her looks until she is quite old. Girls grow up like flowers in the field, and if weeds do not smother their good looks, by which we mean disease of the feminine organs, they should grow up beautiful.

There is no reason in the world why the majority of our women should grow old looking and haggard as young as they do. The influence of flowers is good. A woman who loves flowers is usually one who enjoys tranquility and cheerfulness, has usually charming feminine ways. Men do not like a mannish woman. The sight of flowers often tranquillizes a woman's nerves and the perfume soothes the temper. In America wrinkles are the greatest drawbacks to beauty that we have to fight. It seems as if we even see wrinkles in the faces of our very young girls. Life in the open air assists people to keep young. By living in stagnant air in a close room night or day the beauty of the complexion is spoiled. "Many people imagine night air is dangerous," says Dr. Pierce, "the great specialist in women's diseases. They exclude it from the sleeping rooms as far as possible by keeping doors and windows closed. This is a mistake. Young women are apt to become scrawny and struggles hard for an existence, but if put in the sunlight puts on more vigorous growth. Thousands of girls in America lose health and strength and grow thin and sickly because they do not take proper hygienic methods or take proper care of their womanly health. When there is disturbance of the female organs the effects are widespread and disastrous."

About thirty-eight years ago Dr. R. V. Pierce, then a practicing physician, found that a certain compound made from

roots and herbs, without the use of alcohol or narcotics, was a specific for those diseases peculiar to women. There is nothing that will produce wrinkles and a bad complexion so surely as displacements of the organs essentially feminine. When pains and aches rack the womanly system at frequent intervals, take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It will cure those ailments and stop the drains which are such a drag on the vitality of womanhood. If you are at a loss to know what is the matter with you, write Dr. Pierce, who will answer you in strict confidence; he is a physician and surgeon who has had a thorough medical training and a large experience in diseases of women, and will give you advice free of cost to you.

Backed up by over a third of a century of remarkable and uniform cures, a record such as no other remedy for the diseases and weaknesses peculiar to women ever attained, the proprietors of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription now feel fully warranted in offering to pay \$500 in legal money of the United States for any case of Leucorrhea, Female Weakness, Protrusion, or Falling of the Womb, which they cannot cure of their means of cure.

Miss Mary Rohrbach, No. 73 Amsterdam av., New York City, Treasurer of the Woman's Progressive Union, writes: "I am satisfied that half the doctors do not know what really ails their patients, while you have carefully studied the needs of the sick and worn-out, and have skillfully prepared a reliable remedy which will cure in a short time. Two years ago I began to feel 'run down,' the extreme heat of the summer nearly prostrated me, and when fall came I was ill prepared to take up anew the burdens of life. I had headache, backache, and was very nervous; scarcely able to sleep more than two hours at a time. I was advised to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, and was delighted with the result. Within a week I was sleeping splendidly. Continued using the 'Favorite Prescription' for eight weeks, and then stopped, for I was perfectly well. Ever since then your medicine has been my 'Favorite Prescription' too. I recommend it to every one."

Every woman, young or old, should know herself. To arrive at this knowledge, secure a good doctor book by addressing Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y. "The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser" can be procured by sending twenty-one cents in one-cent stamps for paper-bound volume, or thirty-one stamps for a cloth-bound copy.

Dr. R. V. Pierce, then a practicing physician, found that a certain compound made from

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